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SPEAKER: I assume you are reading it correctly and I say that is the motion.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now, it is clear that I don't like what the Legislature is doing so I am going to be a stickler like I've seen other people be sticklers. This says across the Board to Final Reading. It doesn't say that it will be read on Final Reading and the way I interpreted Senator Stull's motion this morning, it means that no bill. All the bills can get to Final Reading but none will be read on Final Reading if they have a fiscal impact and I think Senator Carpenter's motion simply just says to expedite LB 259 across the Board to Final Reading, move all bills for Final Reading. It says nothing about reading any bill and I think with Senator Stull's motion which was adopted by the Legislature this morning LB 259 cannot be read on Final Reading unless his motion is done away with or amended.

SPEAKER: Senator Carpenter, do you have any reply to that?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I would ask the chair for an interpretation.

SPEAKER: The chair is going to listen to a little discussion first. Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: I have nothing to add. The Senator is trying to confuse and trying to have his way and impose his will on this body by indirect means, which he has a right to. He knows what it means. He is trying to put a different interpretation on it.

SPEAKER: Mr. Clerk, your former opinion, do you still hold with that? Senator Chambers, I believe that you are technically correct. At the same time, I don't believe that that was Senator Carpenter's intention. Certainly with 25 votes, the body can do what it desires to do. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker, am I out of order to assume that words mean what they customarily mean, even when they are incorporated into a motion made on the floor of the Legislature. Do words mean what they customarily mean?

SPEAKER: Well, I would say that is correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now, are we voting on motions according to what they say and do they mean what they say or do they mean what somebody later on says that they meant to say but failed to say with the words that they used?

SPEAKER: Well, Senator Chambers, the chair, as you understand, can generally speaking never be overruled that wants to go with the mood of the body. However, as I interpret the way you have read from the Journal, the chair now rules that you are correct and the chair, in making that ruling, understands it will probably be overruled. Now, the chair has ruled that Senator Stull amendment includes LB 259 and, therefore, LB 259 could not be read on Final Reading. Now, have I stated your interpretation correctly, Senator Chambers? Senator Syas.

SENATOR SYAS: I just want to ask a question. I think Senator Stull's, isn't it true, amendment meant when you.. we talk about fiscal impact you are talking about state fiscal impact, are you not?

SPEAKER: Well, I would assume you are talking about any kind of fiscal impact unless he delineates it further.

SENATOR SYAS: All bills have some fiscal impact someplace, on the county, or city, or something. My interpretation